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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 21 Oct 93 15:01:42 GMT
From: psinnntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Asking of FCC phone number
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.policy, R2SA@VM1.CC.UAKRON.EDU writes:
>Hi I am a amateur radio operator and I hold an Indonesian Callsign.
>I need to know the FCC phone Number to get a form for the Reciprocal
>licnese. If any one know it please send me a mail to my e-mail.
>My e-mail address is R2sa@akronvm.cc.uakron.edu
>

One of the many (many!) free services that the American Radio Relay
League makes available is complimentary reciprocal operating permit
information.

And that's true both for FCC licensees wishing to operate overseas,

as well as for non-FCC licensed Amateur Radio operators overseas who wish to operate here.

All we need is your name, your mailing address, and a specific request for the form that you need.

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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 07:15:57 GMT
From: europa.eng.gtefsd.com!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!
news.uakron.edu!VM1.CC.UAKRON.EDU!R2SA@uunet.uu.net
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73 for all of you

Slamat Ali YCONYB

Date: 21 Oct 93 23:10:37 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!spool.mu.edu!news.clark.edu!pacifier!mikef@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Blind VEs
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

At the risk of reopening the rather heated discussion of a few months back regarding the efficacy of blind radio amateurs as volunteer examiners, I reproduce below the resolution on the subject passed by the 1993 annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) in Dallas, Texas.

The other nationwide organization of the blind, the American Council of the Blind (ACB) passed a similar resolution. These resolutions should give the FCC and the amateur radio community cause for reflection.

Here is the resolution:

RESOLUTION 93-12

WHEREAS, examinations to qualify for amateur radio operator licenses are administered by volunteer examiners authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); and

WHEREAS, the FCC regulations governing the amateur radio service state that a volunteer examiner must be present for and observe the entire examination; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of the FCC's Private Radio Bureau has issued an official opinion that individuals who are blind cannot properly observe examinations because of their blindness; and

WHEREAS, despite this official opinion, many blind radio amateurs have already successfully completed the duties of a volunteer examiner; and

WHEREAS, because blind teachers, professors, instructors, and volunteer examiners have clearly demonstrated that blind individuals can competently and effectively administer all types of examinations, the FCC's current policy amounts to officially sanctioned and blatant discrimination against the blind: Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the National Federation of the Blind in Convention assembled this ninth day of July, 1993, in the City of Dallas, Texas, that this organization condemn and deplore the discriminatory policy of the Federal Communications Commission which excludes blind persons from serving as volunteer examiners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this organization call upon the FCC to adopt a policy and issue an opinion which affirmatively confirms the ability of blind individuals to administer licensing examinations and carry out any other function under the amateur radio service.

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... "The greatest protection against temptation is cowardice." -- Mark Twain

Date: 21 Oct 93 17:44:08 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!gerald@cc.utexas.edu!emx.cc.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: code speed
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

knupke@cfrisc1.cfr.usf.edu (Paul Knupke KD4VMD) says:

>As a amateur operator who started as a Codeless technician who has recently
>come to really enjoy operating, code It is obvious the those who have no
>exposure to code are missing a part of the hobby.

>The one aspect of operating cw that has really grown on me is the fact I
>can ragchew in peace without many folks jumping in on me.

>I am only able to use the novice bands as my code is not fast enough to
>pass the 13wpm yet but I am working on it. I have had several QSO's on
>CW that have been over an hour and I really enjoyed conversing even at
>my speed of ~7-9 wpm. Its slow but it gets the job done.

Absolutely no flame intended here, this is very laudable. But of course
the part that I quote above contains roughly 120 words, and would take 15
minutes to send at a speed of 8 wpm... Of course, if you get to 24 wpm
it would take 5 mins, and at 40 wpm it's all over in 3. I encourage you
to get your speed up, which you are obviously working on, and you will
enjoy these ragchews even more.

In any case, if getting information from A to B were all that we do,
it would be easier to pick up the telephone.

Good luck getting your speed up and having even more fun!

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Date: 21 Oct 93 18:25:36 GMT
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Subject: End-It All Now, Please ...
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

>Again, I have a friend who CAN NOT distinguish between a dit and a dah
>at character speeds above maybe 6 or 7 wpm. To his ear it is all the
>same.

so he passes 5 then gets a medical for the 13 and 20. no big deal.

and the VEs have a lot of latitude on what they have to do for folks that are
in some way disabled that are taking 5 WPM short of giving them the answers.

bill wb9ivr

Date: 22 Oct 93 01:03:04 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!
news.delphi.com!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: FCC Rulebook
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

I got the information last night but don't have the phone number in front of
me at the moment. The document includes Part 80 and higher and costs \$35.
It can be ordered from the Government Printing Office (I think this is the
right place) in Pueblo, Colorado -- where all government documents are
distributed. I'll post the phone number later.

-- Greg KE4DPX

Date: 22 Oct 93 01:08:37 GMT
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>In article <2a1lciINNe1p@srvr1.engin.umich.edu>, kleinow@engin.umich.edu
>(Leonard Kleinow) writes:
>>
>> I knew enough of the rules to pass the test two weeks ago, but in between
>> now and when I get my ticket in the mail I thought I'd study the real thing.
>>
>
>Nobody else does, why would you want to be different?? :-)

For what it's worth, I think a COMPLETE copy of the FCC Rules and Regulations

should be required before getting a license -- or at least a complete copy embedded in every study guide. I can't stress highly enough the importance of reading, and understanding the FCC Rules and Regulations. When you receive your license, you sign it stating that you will abide by Part 97. I question anyone that doesn't have a copy how they intend to abide by the rules when they have no clue what's in Part 97.

Nope. . . the question pools cover very little of Part 97.

-- Greg KE4DPX

Date: 20 Oct 93 18:24:00 GMT
From: news.service.uci.edu!unogate!mvp.saic.com!connected.com!beauty!rwing!eskimo!
mzenier@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: FCC Rulebook
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In <931020.02079.GREGL@delphi.com>, Greg Law (GREGL@delphi.com) wrote:
: If you are really ambitious, you can order the Part 97 Rules and Regulation
: from the FCC although this publication costs roughly \$35 and includes
: many other parts. I don't remember specifically, but a friend called the
: FCC asking about it and was told he could order the document (I think it
: includes something like Part 17 through Part 97) for about \$35. From the
: way he described it, it sounds like a rather hefty document. I plan to
: get more information on it this week and possibly order it.

The name of it is Title 47 (Telecommunications) of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 80 to End. It's a paperback book about 1 1/2 inches thick. Last time I paid full price, it was about \$25 at the local US Government Bookstore. (They take credit cards.)

Any large library with a government section will have it. (It being a bookshelf full of the 50 titles in the CFR. Each Title consisting of several books.)

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Date: 22 Oct 93 00:55:46 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!
news.delphi.com!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <29k3p3\$8uj@cayman.Cayman.COM>, <931019.85430.GREGL@delphi.com>,

<2a6lnd\$svf@news.acns.nwu.edu>

Subject : Re: Getting my license. Do I want to be like this?

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> was a great way to get acclimated to ham radio and by the time I had to
> deal with the "jerks in the cesspool" I had enough experience under my belt
> to be able to deal with these folks.

>

> I'm not saying that I'm against no-codes, but they are at a distinct
> disadvantage. The rudeness and bad operating is MUCH LESS on CW.

I agree with the statement to some degree. The Technician class operators that upgrade to General or higher without prior knowledge of the sespool frequencies in the HF bands may be in for a rude awakening. I can't say that I've heard such rudeness and foul language in the Novice portions of the HF bands. On the other hand, I've rarely heard such trash in the 2M band.

Only once have I heard real rudeness on the 2M band in my area. Not so surprising, a local General or higher class operator got totally polluted (and I mean royally drunk) and decided to put in his two cents about Technician operators -- and then proceeded to step on everyone that attempted to talk. Of course he showed his own stupidity because everyone on the air at the time QSY'd to another repeater and left the poor jerk high and dry.

Overall, the local guys are very courteous and helpful. The only time I run into ruff-raff on a regular basis are on the HF bands and here.

-- Greg KE4DPX

Date: 21 Oct 93 16:50:21 GMT

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<2a2n64INNefi@matt.ksu.ksu.edu>, <1993Oct21.012846.29609@gsm001.mendelson.com>

Subject : Re: End-It All Now, Please ...

>.... BTW both morse

>academy and supermorse do not have away to set the chars to 30 wpm,

>with 1 wpm spacing. :-(

Not quite true. With superior Morse, the following does the trick for me:

morse -w 1 -F 30

I've found it to be an excellent training program, esp since it can generate random (but realistic) QSO's.

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 01:28:46 GMT
From: gsm001!gsm001.mendelson.com!gsm1rn@uunet.uu.net
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Oct18.233049.13412@gsm001.mendelson.com>,
<2a2356\$gj2@terminator.rs.itd.umich.edu>, <2a2n64INNefi@matt.ksu.ksu.edu>
Subject : Re: End-It All Now, Please ...

In article <2a2n64INNefi@matt.ksu.ksu.edu>
cbr600@matt.ksu.ksu.edu (Jeremy L. Utley) writes:

>Well, I've been attempting to learn the code for about 6 months now...I will
>work for about an hour each night, learn a set of about 5 characters, and
>come back the next night and find I have forgot most of what I learned.
>Right now, I couldn't even send my call in code!!!

Try cranking the character speed up to 20 - 30 wpm (keeping the spacing at 5 wpm) I found that I can't get anything at 5 wpm, but at 21 I can barely do it and at 30 the characters have a rythmic pattern I can recognize and don't hear them as unrelated dits and dahs.

The KB6MT (Jerry Ziliak's Amateur Radio School) tapes have been helpfull.

For me though it's still a long way to passing a test. BTW both morse academy and supermorse do not have away to set the chars to 30 wpm, with 1 wpm spacing. :-(

>there is simply no one operating 2m SSB,

That's simply untrue, I know of at least 5 or 6 hams who operate at least once a week on 2 meter ssb. There are hundreds of hams across the country that operate 2 meter ssb. During the last contest I was able to make 20 contacts in 2 hours some with hams 200 or 300 miles away.

For the humor impared, 20 contacts in a hf contest is more like 10 minutes work. While there are hams with 2 meter ssb gear out there, most of it never gets turned on except during contests. I really do have to schedule ssb contacts via phone or repeater.

>and to operate 6 SSB, you have to have about a 300 dollar HF transciever.

What? I have never seen an hf transceiver for \$300 that does 6 meters. More like \$800+. You can get a 6 meter module (10 watts o/p) for a Yeasu ft736r for \$250, but you have to fork over \$1700 for the radio to start with.

I put a deposit on and hope to pick up tomorrow a pair of Yeasu 6 meter rigs so old that they are am/cw/ssb (NO FM) to get my feet wet. I have been told that there are people out there, but I have yet to see if there are any I can reach.

> And, 2M FM contacts are very hard to come by.

Date: (null)

From: (null)

There are 5 or so that I can hit with a good antenna on a 3 watt ht.

So as far as my location I'm in 2 meter heaven. But I still gotta get on the phone for an SSB contact.

>I don't know if anyone else has this kind of problem, but I can sit there
>for hours, giving my call on the local repeater trying to make a contact, and
>no one answers except to gripe at me for tying up the repeater (which no one
>was using at the time, anyway)

Sounds to me like you need to find another repeater. :-) The other option is to find a local ham radio club and attend the meetings. This will get your call known and people will talk to you. The other thing to do is to attend "public service" events.

You might borrow another radio or a scanner and find out why people don't answer you. It may be your voice or operating manner. I have a very deep resonant voice and without being careful about holding the mike, no one can understand me.

Another ham I have heard speaks in a very clipped manner. He always talks quickly with long spaces between words. He also lets go of his mike button before he has finished his last word. My wife walked in the room one night I was monitoring a repeater he was on and asked if the voice was synthesized. I cannot understand most of what he says, so I don't answer his call and usually bow out if he enters a conversation.

>I am starting to get very discouraged with
>Ham radio, which I *WAS* very interested in.

It's easy to want to give up on a hobby that gives you no satisfaction.

Have you tried CB? In all seriousness, if you are in an area that is not very populated, you might find some nice people there if you look.

I know they are there, but where I live in is so congested with lids, echo..echo...echo mikes, illegal linears, and all sorts of junk, that you never hear them.

>I enjoyed packet (that's what
>convinced me to get my No-Code tech) but, it is also impossible to make
>packet contacts, except with BBS's (which aren't very fun, anyway.)

To me packet is just to darn slow to compete with a bbs with a v.32 modem.

> I feel
>like I am a very good operator, procedure wise...my Elmer was a dedicated
>CW General Class op, and do not think I would degrade the quality of the HF
>bands at all.

I don't know about where you are, but 2 meters is nothing like hf cw. The ettiquite is quite different. If your elmer was not active in 2 meters, you may have learned the wrong things.

>I know I am getting long winded, but I would like to say to all
>the CW OF's that not ALL No-Code Techs are lids, in fact, most I find are
>the ones who want to learn the proper procedures.

I find that the biggest challenge of all for a no-code tech is to find a good elmer that will follow them through to general. I have heard lots of complaints and stupid comments, like "you can learn the code in a couple of weeks if you want to", but none of the complainers or admonisers have even 10 minutes a week to sit down with me an help me learn code.

I would like to thank the people on usenet that have offered to help me if I could reach them. (Thanks especially to rlt%hdtv... whom I can't quite get email to), but without hf of some sort my signal just won't get there.

73 and good luck.

Geoff.

P.s. Were are you? I can do 300 miles on 2m ssb on a good day and more on a band opening. I'm in Philadelphia, Pa.

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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 01:35:32 GMT
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References <CF2ysJ.1Hy@news.Hawaii.Edu>,
<1993Oct18.233049.13412@gsm001.mendelson.com>,
<1993Oct20.134037.15919@cs.brown.edu>≥Û
Subject : Re: End-It All Now, Please ...

In article <1993Oct20.134037.15919@cs.brown.edu>
md@pstc3.pstc.brown.edu (Michael P. Deignan) writes about my posting:

Me:

>> All I want is to have some cw qso's so I can learn.

He:

>Of course, you've investigated the obvious, such as CW on 2mtrs.
>
>Naturally, don't forget that you can just go off to a normal FM voice
>frequency and work modulated CW - so special equipment other than a
>DTMF pad needed.

Yes, I have a yeasu ft736r, a 170 watt amp and an 11db gain beam. I have
a keyer and paddle, cw audio filter, and headphones. All I need is someone
to talk to. Yet I still can't do it. In order to get a 2m ssb contact going
I have to call people on the repeater or more likely on the phone.

Getting a cw contact is next to impossible. "I'll have time tomorrow....."

>And, if worst came to worst, you could always just get a receiver and
>listen to QSOs, copying both sides of the conversation.

I have a receiver. I have owned a short wave receiver for over 30 years.
I have tried to listen, but it is different.

73

Geoff.

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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 16:48:48 GMT
From: news.kpc.com!amd!netcomsv!netcom.com!greg@decwrl.dec.com
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References <5JaoBc1w165w@micromed.com>, <2a51lq\$ai9@crcnis1.unl.edu>,
<2a660b\$97g@reznor.larc.nasa.gov>tcom
Subject : Re: GAY & QST

What follows is the text of email received from David Sumner K1ZZ,
the Executive Vice-President of the ARRL, in response to my challenge
for the ARRL to make some official statement regarding the dispute
between themselves and LARC. The following is posted with the author's
permission. I will reserve my own comments for a later post, so that
Mr. Sumner's statment may stand on its own.

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>Dear Greg:
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>Ed Hare has passed along a recent message from you concerning
>Lambda ARC and ARRL.
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>I have not been following any of the discussion, so I cannot
>comment on anything that might have been said by others.
>
>The situation is this. In early April 1992, in plenty of time
>for the ad to appear in June 1992 QST, I advised LARC president
>Jim Kelly that the ad as most recently submitted was acceptable
>for QST. That it did not appear in that issue, nor in any
>subsequent issue, is entirely his choice.
>
>73,
>David Sumner, K1ZZ
>Executive Vice President, ARRL

Date: 21 Oct 1993 18:51:25 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!
news.acns.nwu.edu!casbah.acns.nwu.edu!lapin@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Oct12.142139.20879@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>,

<29k3p3\$8uj@cayman.Cayman.COM>, <931019.85430.GREGL@delphi.com>ah.acns
Subject : Re: Getting my license. Do I want to be like this?

In article <931019.85430.GREGL@delphi.com>, Greg Law <GREGL@delphi.com> wrote:
>Bill Northup <northup@cayman.com> writes:
>> I should point out that for many - like myself - the first contact is here
>> in rec.radio.amateur.....
>>
>> You should use some of this bandwidth to help teach new hams what you would
>> like to see happen on the air, rather than debating code vs. no-code for
>> months.
>
>Unfortunately it seems many of the people in rec.radio.amateur.* have nothing
>better to do than to open mouth and remove all doubt that they are total
jerks
>I wouldn't be the least bit surprised if these were the same jerks that hang
>out on the cesspool frequencies on 75 and 40 meters.
>
>Fortunately there are many others that like to be courteous and friendly,
>particularly to the new-comers (regardless of license class). You'd think
>these guys would want to join forces to make amateur radio a better, more
>interesting hobby and to better educate John Q. Public that we aren't all
>sources of TVI and RFI. Oh well, maybe they'll get a real life eventually
>and find something better to do. . . like watch the leaves change color. :-)
>
> -- Greg KE4DPX

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